***LAYING SIEGE ON YOUR ADDICTION***

**Colossians 3:1-11**

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**Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV)**Since, then, you have been ***raised with Christ*** (once dead now made alive), ***set your hearts on things above***, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2*Set your minds on things above***, not on earthly things. **3*For you died***, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4**When Christ, who is your[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29522a)] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

***“Set Your Actions on Things Above…”***

**5*Put to death***, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6**Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29524b)] **7**You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8**

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9**Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10**

and have ***put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator***. **11**Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

**PUT TO DEATH means to LAY SIEGE** (Commentator: N. T. Wright)

**Definition of *siege*** (Webster)

* a military blockade of a city or fortified place to compel it to surrender
* a persistent or serious attack (as of illness)

**lay siege to**

* to besiege militarily
* to pursue diligently or persistently
* to surround (as a fortified place) with armed forces for the purpose of capturing or preventing commerce and communication
* Besiege, Blockade, Barricade, Block, Cut Off, Encircle

**Surround for the purpose of causing to SURRENDER.**

**What Did It Mean:**

* To cut off ALL supply lines – No more access to what FEEDS the Addiction!
* Covenant Eyes on all Devices – It’s like a Digital Blockade.
* To starve the inhabitants out – Cut off all sources. TV, Computer, Establishments, Scoping women
* To force them to surrender – “FACE IT – You are DONE!”
* Completely surround for the purpose of complete control. Band of Brothers who are backing you in the fight!
* A Siege takes time – not an overnight victory. Not a quick fix. A consistent determined effort.
* It’s a calculated, determined victory – WILL WIN – It’s just a matter of time. There’s a Battle Plan!
* Some of the inhabitants won’t surrender – but will be a stubborn fight to the end.

**REMEMBER: HABITUAL PATTERNS BUILD MOMENTUM**

***LAYING SIEGE ON YOUR ADDICTION***

1. To cause your ADDICTION to Fully SURRENDER
2. To cause your ADDICTION to Fully STARVE and Die
3. To cause your ADDICTION to Fully become your SERVANT
4. To cause your ADDICTION to be Fully SLAUGHTERED

***WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO LAY SIEGE ON YOUR ADDICTION?***

**Bonus Translation**

**Col. 3:1-11 (Amp) -** Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2**Set your mind *and* keep focused *habitually* on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]. **3**For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. **4**When Christ, who is our life, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29522a)]appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**5**So put to death *and* deprive of power the evil longings of your earthly body [with its sensual, self-centered instincts] immorality, impurity, *sinful* passion, evil desire, and greed, which is [a kind of] idolatry [because it replaces your devotion to God]. **6**Because of these [sinful] things the [divine] wrath of God is coming [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29524b)]on the sons of disobedience [those who fail to listen and who routinely and obstinately disregard God’s precepts],

**7**and in these [sinful things] you also once walked, when you were *habitually* living in them [without the knowledge of Christ]. **8**But now rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene (abusive, filthy, vulgar) language from your mouth. **9**Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old self with its *evil* practices,

**10**and have put on the new [spiritual] self who is being *continually* renewed in true knowledge in the image of Him who created the new self— **11***a renewal* in which there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, [nor between nations whether] [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29529c)]barbarian or [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col.+3%3A1-11&version=AMP#fen-AMP-29529d)]Scythian, [nor in status whether] slave or free, but Christ is all, and in all [so believers are equal in Christ, without distinction].